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PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS—FIVE CENTS

CIRCULATION IS OVER 4000 DAILY

FULL LEASED WIRE DISPATCHES

THIRTY-NINTH YEAR

FIGHT REPORT BUT ALL DETAILS ARE SUPPRESSED

Mexican Central Train Runs Into Battle But Quickly Retreats

WHEREABOUTS OF VILLA STILL DEEP MYSTERY

Mining Company Advises Say He Was Last Seen Near Tepehuanes

By E. T. Conkle. (United Press staff correspondent.) El Paso, Texas, April 12.—A battle is reported today to have been fought between Jimenez and Parral but the Carranzistas censors will not allow a word of the forces engaged to be made public. First news of the fight came when a Mexican Central railroad train ran into the midst of it. With the battle raging around him the engineer stopped and started back to Jimenez, whence censored accounts of the affair came to the border. It is not known whether United States troops are engaged. Mining men at Parral declare that an American force is near the battlefield and that a Villista squadron is known to be in that region. The Jimenez authorities maintain silence.

The whereabouts of Francisco Villa is still a deep mystery. Rumors of his death are believed to have been inspired by Mexicans who desired the American expedition to withdraw. Marquese Delino, a former Villista, now in the Carranzista army, arrived at Chihuahua City stating that a Mexican from Guadalupe had brought positive information of Villa's death.

However, mining company advisers tend to show that Villa with a considerable column of men was last reported near Tepehuanes. That the main American cavalry force is in southwestern Chihuahua was shown today by negotiations between the quartermasters department of the army and El Paso dealers for the purchase of hay and oats in large quantities for shipment over the Mexico Central railroad via Chihuahua City. This is another indication that Americans are in the neighborhood of the fight reported raging between Parral and Jimenez.

Fort Bliss received an unconfirmed report that an anti-American proclamation has been circulated in Chihuahua City on Friday. Presumably this poster was suppressed by Carranzistas, as later reports said that constitutionalists at Chihuahua were co-operating with American troops.

Mexican Snipers Busy. Columbus, N. M., April 12.—Incoming army motor truck drivers today reported that Mexican snipers were busy around Casas Grandes. Bullet holes were noticed in the body of one machine. The snipers fled when American guards galloped out to fight them. Army headquarters, upon receipt of this news, reiterated its belief that small bands of bandits are still roving the country behind the expedition's advanced positions. Precautions have been taken to prevent the lynching of six Mexicans held here on charges of having participated in the Villista raid on this city. Military authorities plan to turn the prisoners over to the civil courts at Deming, N. M., for trial on charges of murder.

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ABE MARTIN



Of all the campaign lies, "I'll be home every night after the election, dear," is the worst. A warning is all the average American needs to make him take a chance.

Seattle Man Shoots Nephew Without Cause

Seattle, Wash., April 12.—Apparently without cause, David M. Carrette, aged 32, a gripman on the Yesler Way cable line, at 6 o'clock this morning killed his nephew, Joseph J. Ogris, aged 29, agent for the Great Eastern Casualty company, and then killed himself with a revolver. Ogris was building a fire in the basement of the house where the Carrette and Ogris families both lived, when Carrette followed him, and without a warning, shot him twice. Death was instantaneous. As he came upstairs, Carrette was met by his 14 year old son Edward, who asked him: "Did you shoot Joe?" Carrette replied: "Yes," and then stepped into the front room, placed a handkerchief over his face and shot him self in the temple. He died immediately.

GRAND JURY AFTER LAND GRANT GRAFTERS

Gang of Swindlers Said to Have Robbed Victims of a Million Dollars

San Francisco, April 12.—Indictments charging use of the United States mails to defraud may be voted by the federal grand jury here against a group of alleged swindlers who are said to have taken \$1,000,000 from Oregon-California railroad lands, according to the statement today of Henry H. Childers, special land office agent, who has come here from New York to present the evidence. Childers fully expects that the grand jury will vote indictments when his facts are laid before the probers. He asserts that the men he is after obtained their money by means of using the money to pay expenses incident to purchasing Oregon-California railroad land for them. When the so-called expense money had been received, Childers declares, the bunco men would vanish and hunt new victims. He says ringleaders in the plot and a number of their henchmen are in San Francisco at present, under close surveillance. Childers was specially appointed to conduct land fraud investigations. He is working in conjunction with the United States attorney here.

Thousands of Persons May Lose Homesteads

San Francisco, April 12.—The homesteads of thousands of persons in California, Texas and other states depend today on the ability of modern science to prove whether "C. P. Carpenter," and "George S. Jones" are fictitious persons. If they are found to be merely names used by E. A. Hyde, who recently finished a prison sentence for defrauding the government of acres involved, hundreds of thousands of acres will undoubtedly be turned back to the government, just as stolen property reverts to its original owner. The people who innocently purchased the land will be losers. The test case to decide this question is now before J. B. Sanford, register of the United States land office. The securing of testimony has consumed four years. Branch hearings have been held in years past in Texas, Utah and other states and transcripts of the testimony are now in Sanford's hands. When the Hyde expose came to light some time ago, charged jointly with him were "Carpenter" and "Jones." No such men have ever been located. Thus far they have been found to be mere names signed to homestead entries. Science has been called in to prove them fictitious. Theodore Kytka, handwriting expert, after weeks of study of

NEW REPUBLIC TO BE CREATED IN SOUTHERN CHINA

Maritime Province of Che Kiang Secedes From Old Government

KWANG TUNG PROVINCE REVOLTED BEFORE IT

Republic With Capital at Canton and 100,000,000 People to be Formed

Shanghai, April 12.—Formation of a new republic in southern China with a population of 100,000,000 may be announced within a few weeks. Following the lead of Kwang Tung province, the important maritime province of Che Kiang has seceded from the authority of President Yuan Shi Kai. Envoys of the revolutionists have arrived in Canton and are in consultation there. It is thought likely that Canton will be made capital of the new republic. Upon reaching there, the revolutionary agents reported that Huan Fuk Len and Kwei Chow provinces were about to issue declaration of independence. The movement appears to be spreading to all provinces south of the Yang Tze Kiang river. In an effort to prevent dissolution of his nation President Yuan has summoned revolutionary leaders to confer with him at Peking. Southern provinces have not yet accepted this invitation.

Shi Kiang Revolts

Shanghai, April 12.—The province of Shi Kiang has seceded from the Chinese republic, according to dispatches received here today. A few days ago the news that Kwang Tung province had revolted was made public. Both have declared their independence of President Yuan Shi Kai.

Howard To Be Witness at Inquest Over Wife

Omaha, Neb., April 12.—Joseph Howard, vaudeville singer, was subpoenaed today as principal witness at the inquest into the death of his wife, Irma Kilgallon Howard, daughter of Michael Kilgallon, Chicago steel magnate, and former Countess De Beaufort. Mrs. Howard committed suicide Monday night. It is supposed she was jealous of Ethelva Clark, her husband's singing partner. Another important witness at the death probe is Mrs. Lambert in whose hotel apartment Mrs. Howard killed her self. Mrs. Lambert is also an actress and is on the same bill with Howard. Howard said today that the ritual engagements might prevent him from attending the funeral of his wife in Chicago, where her body was taken last night by her father. His turn was rather coolly received by the audience last evening, but he went through with it just as if nothing had happened. The handwriting of Hyde, declares that the names "Carpenter" and "Jones" were written by the same hand. Several weeks will be necessary before a decision is reached.

How Far Can We Go With The Evidence Now on Hand?

By Robert J. Bender. (United Press staff correspondent.) Washington, April 12.—On the eve of determining its final attitude on the submarine issue, the question facing the administration today was seemingly: "How far can we go with the evidence in hand?" President Wilson and his cabinet are convinced that a German submarine entering the channel steamer Sussex without warning while Americans were aboard and that the Teuton undersea boats have embarked on a new reign of terror in which they disregarded the safety and rights of neutrals with amazing recklessness. But conclusive proof of this may be lacking. A German note disclaiming responsibility for the Sussex disaster is expected at the state department today. The administration may show its evidence to Germany, suggesting that discrepancies between this nation's facts and the Kaiser's contentions may be due to

MEXICAN PATRIOT WAS ALSO 'THRIFTY'

El Paso, Texas, April 12.—Five million dollars in loot gathered during years of campaigning by General Tomas Urbina, a trusted Villa lieutenant, has been recovered by Carranzistas, Consul Garcia announced today. The treasure was buried on Laa Nievas ranch in the state of Durango. Among the articles found were 23 chests of gold coins, much jewelry, 20 bars of gold bullion and considerable silver bullion. Included in the find were many golden altar ornaments stolen from churches and \$800,000 in bank notes. Carranzistas under General Francisco Murguía have been searching for months for the cache. When Villa and Carranza split and Villa needed funds to finance his revolution he demanded that Urbina give him half the buried loot, Urbina refused. Villa thereupon killed him, but he was unable to find the treasure.

RICHARD HARDING DAVIS DROPS DEAD

Wrote Many Novels and Plays, and Was Famous War Correspondent

New York, April 12.—Richard Harding Davis, the author, dropped dead of heart failure last night as he was talking over the telephone at his home in Mount Kisco, it was learned today. Davis was receiving a telegram over the telephone about 9:30 p. m. when he was stricken. When he did not return from the telephone, his wife assumed that he had gone into another room to read. After some time, when he failed to respond to calls, Mrs. Davis and her daughter, Hope, investigated. They found Davis dead on the floor. He was apparently fairly well yesterday, although he had been in poor health for two weeks. His widow said he remained around the house because he was not feeling in the best of condition. Richard Harding Davis was author of numerous popular novels and also wrote several successful plays, but he was perhaps best known as a war correspondent. His first war was the Turkish-Greek, which he covered for the New York Herald and the London Times. Later he served as correspondent in the Spanish-American, South African and Russo-Japanese wars.

May Have Governor's Day at State Fair

Governor Withycombe has received an invitation from Governor Ernest Lieber of Washington, to attend the Washington state fair at North Yakima, on governors' day, September 21, 1916. Governor Alexander, of Idaho, will also be present, making three executives at the state fair that day. Governor Withycombe has based his acceptance upon the principle of reciprocity; that is, he has asked Governor Lister to come to the Oregon state fair, and after consultation with Secretary Loh, of the state fair board, it is probable that Friday, September 29th, will be set aside as governors' day, at the Oregon state fair, if it is possible for Governor Lister to attend. Governor Alexander, of Idaho, is also being urged to come.

"Dullness Intensified" Describes the Market

New York, April 12.—The New York Evening Sun's financial review today said: "The street continued its writing attitude today and the market duplicated yesterday's unsatisfactory session, with the dullness intensified. Aside from a little commission house liquidation in floured by a heavy tone dealings were professional and the market was influenced by the same uncertainty in German American diplomatic exchanges. The irregular and hesitant opening was followed by a general reaction which resulted in losses of one point or more in specialties like erucic steel, Baldwin locomotive, woodrich tire, mercantile marine preferred, Maxwell motors, industrial alcohol and Bette and Superior. Steel started fractionally lower and was extremely dull. Railways displayed no vitality and as a rule were heavy. Stocks were fairly well taken on declines and the market hardened but there was nothing bodekoning a strong recovery. Trading degenerated to a monotonous round of trifling movements in a limited number of properties. The bond and investment division was dull in sympathy.

ENGLAND SETS UP A FLimsY EXCUSE FOR HER ACTION

IGNORES FACT THAT SHE ENTERED AMERICAN TERRITORY TO TAKE GERMANs

JUSTIFIES ACT BY WHAT GERMANY DID IN BELGIUM

SAYS GERMANs PAST ACTS DEPRIVED THEM OF PROTECTION BY NEUTRALS

Washington, April 12.—German subjects seized by British naval authorities from the American liner China were engaged in unusual service shifting a Teuton base of operations to Manila from Shanghai, Great Britain contended in replying to this government's protest, the state department revealed today. Great Britain, in its note to America, contended it had a right to seize the Germans although they were not actually allied with enemy fighters and had not violated the sovereignty of any neutral. It held that the Trent case in the American civil war upon which the American protest was based was not to be compared with the liner China situation. In this connection attention was called to the fact that the activities of Great Britain's enemies in neutral countries.

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LOCKED JAIL AFTER HIM

Klamath Falls, Or., April 12.—Escaping from the jail here today, Loren Kreigh, burglary suspect, fastened the prison door from the outside with a strange padlock so when the sheriff came to investigate he had difficulty in breaking into the building. The other prisoners said they had no idea how Kreigh escaped. Kreigh was captured this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Low.

Another Ocean Mystery Found in the South Seas

San Francisco, April 12.—Somewhere in the South Seas an unidentified mystery ship is drifting today, according to cable reports received by the chamber of commerce from Australia. These messages said the bark Lobo from British Columbia found the derelict January 16 off South Minerva reef. Investigation revealed everything aboard it was in perfect condition, but every bite of food and every pound of cargo had been removed. On the afterhouse a weak, wailing flapped from a coil. In the galley plates were spread, as if in preparation for a meal. The vessel's name had been carefully obliterated and it was evident every effort had been made to conceal its identity. Being unable to take the strange craft in tow the Lobo seamen left it when last seen the derelict, painted a dull gray, was slowly merging into a wall of mist, and men on the Lobo heard the clung of its bell come faintly over the water. They believe the bell rang

Larry Doyle Scored First Run of the Year

Philadelphia, April 12.—Before a crowd of 19,000 shivering fans, Larry Doyle of the Giants in the first canto today scored what was probably the first run of the year in the major leagues. It happened at 3:02 p. m. Doyle singled after Burns had fanned. Fletcher singled and Doyle dashed to third. Then he romped home on Kauff's sacrifice fly. Fletcher sprinted to third on a passed ball and scored when Merkle reached first on Haneroff's wild throw. A minute later Merkle was caught snoring off the sack.

He Scorns Hash and Demands Goose Livers

San Francisco, April 12.—Scorning hash and spurning tripe saute, Adrin Lezal, immigrant detained at Angel Island, is a surly man today—but he steadfastly refuses to eat government food. He says he will touch nothing in the way of edibles until he is given what he demands including goose livers.

JIM COX SURRENDERS IS IN JAIL AT AUBURN

Says His Brother Was Shot In the Arm—Defender May Recover

Auburn, Cal., April 12.—Jim Cox, hunted by bloodhounds and posess as one of the men who shot Constable Dependener here last Sunday night, surrendered at 10 a. m. today. He was placed in jail here. Cox was brought to town by a brother who lives in the Long Valley district and who was not concerned in the Dependener affair. He was not wounded, but declares that his brother Albert, also implicated in the shooting of Dependener, is carrying a bullet in the arm. Jim asserted he did not know what had become of Albert. When the prisoner surrendered, officers had just about decided he was dead. There was a report that he had been fatally wounded while fleeing from town after the shooting. Bloodhounds from Folsom prison have been taken to Truckee in the hope that they might get trace of Albert. Officers believe he went there on a train from Dutch Flat. Passengers on the train declare they saw a man answering Albert's description, and assert that the man was bandaged. Constable Dependener will probably recover from his wounds, unless he suffers a relapse. The Cox brothers shot him when he refused to release another brother whom he had arrested for creating a disturbance.

"Seeds" for Big Drunk Were In the Boxes

Tacoma, Wash., April 12.—Prosecuting Attorney Remann was preparing today to take action against the Pacific Coast Steamship company for transporting intoxicating liquors into the state illegally in connection with the seizure by county officials of several boxes labeled "seeds" which arrived here on the steamer Governor from San Francisco last night. The shipment, valued at \$1,000, was consigned to the Gill drug company of South Tacoma. George Gill, president of the company says he has permits covering all the liquor seized and he will apply an order to enjoin the county from confiscating the shipment. County officials claim the boxes were not properly lettered and that the permits were not attached as required by law. The steamship company is liable to a maximum fine of \$250 if convicted.

TRANSPORT FOR MEXICO

Washington, April 12.—The army transport Hancock sailed today from Galveston for Vera Cruz with supplies for United States ships there. It carried 80 marines.

CITY GIVES \$10,000 TO PROSECUTE CAPLAN

Los Angeles, Cal., April 12.—Ten thousand dollars will be spent to prosecute David Caplan for complicity in the alleged dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times. The board of supervisors decided today to grant this amount of money. H. D. F. Diamond, a real estate man, of Los Angeles, was selected as the thirteenth or alternate juror to try Caplan.

\$600,000 FOR MOTOR TRUCKS

Washington, April 12.—The sum of \$600,000 has already been spent by the government for motor trucks and gas tank cars for the American expedition in Mexico, it was learned today at the war department.

BRITISH BEATEN AND 3000 KILLED AT KUT-EL-AMARA

Attempt to Relieve Garrison Fails—Battle Raged More Than Six Hours

FIGHTING AT VERDUN IS HOT BUT STILL A DRAW

German Attacks and French Counters Are All In Turn Repulsed

Berlin, April 12.—More than 3,000 British were killed and thousands wounded in an unsuccessful attack on Turks east of Kut-el-Amara, according to today's Constantinople communique. This is the most disastrous defeat the British forces have suffered since they first attempted to relieve General Townsend's besieged garrison in Kut-el-Amara. It occurred, the communique said, near Falahia, 25 miles east of the city in a bend of the Tigris river. "After an hour and a half of artillery bombardment the enemy attacked with all his force," declared the Constantinople account. "The battle raged for six hours. At the beginning, the enemy penetrated parts of our trenches, but we bayoneted all who entered our works. The remainder were defeated heavily. In our trenches and before them we counted three thousand British dead."

All Attacks Repulsed

Berlin, April 12.—Germans advanced during the night at several places in Caillette woods, northeast of Verdun, it was officially announced today. Three French counter attacks in the Pepper Heights region broke down under artillery fire. French attacks northeast of Avocourt were checked, the war office said.

Fighting on West Front

Paris, April 12.—Again transferring their activities to the west bank of the Meuse, German forces today attacked Caurette wood on the northeastern approach to Dead Man's hill. Their charge was made behind a shield of flaming liquids. The assault spread southward to Guisieres woods. Everywhere, said the Paris communique, the attempt was repulsed.

Attack Greek Frontier

Athens, April 12.—Newspapers declared today that the Germans had started an offensive on the Greek frontier, capturing the Devetopa fortifications from the allies.

Portuguese Cabinet Quits

Lisbon, April 12.—The Portuguese cabinet has resigned, it was divulged today. This is considered proof that Premier Almeida's measures were not satisfactory to his colleagues.

Oriental Enthusiasm Over Red Cross Society

San Francisco, April 12.—Enthusiasm in the Red Cross campaign for 25,000 new members has spread to the Oriental section of San Francisco where the Chinese and Japanese women are volunteering to enlist as members. At a meeting of the officers of the San Francisco chapter of the society today T. Yamasaki, Japanese consul, sent a communication saying that his country women who reside here would like to volunteer their services. A similar communication was received from "Young China," a Chinese local publication, which declared that the Chinese women do not wish to be outdone by the American women of the city. Members will be received from the Oriental section, according to the Red Cross officials.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Fair tonight and Thursday; heavy frost south and east portions and light frost northwest portions tonight; variable winds becoming easterly.

